

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1201

To prohibit law enforcement agencies from imposing a waiting period before accepting reports of missing persons between the ages of 18 and 21.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 1999

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Suzanne’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. REPORTING AND WAITING PERIODS FOR MISSING**
6 **YOUTH.**

7 Section 3702 of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42
8 U.S.C. 5780) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
10 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively:

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(2) ensure that no law enforcement agency
4 within the State establishes or maintains any policy
5 that requires the observance of any waiting period
6 before accepting a missing youth report;”;

7 (3) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated), by strik-
8 ing “such report” and inserting “report described in
9 paragraph (1)”;

10 (4) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated), by strik-
11 ing “paragraph (2)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”;

12 (5) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
13 “Each State”; and

14 (6) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(b) MISSING YOUTH.—In this section, the term
16 ‘missing youth’ means any individual of at least 18 years
17 of age and no older than 21 years of age—

18 “(1) whose whereabouts are unknown; and

19 “(2)(A) who is physically or mentally disabled;

20 “(B) who may be in the company of another
21 person under circumstances indicating that such in-
22 dividual’s physical safety is in danger; or

1 “(C) whose disappearance is surrounded by cir-
2 cumstances that indicate that the disappearance
3 may have been involuntary.”.

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